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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE,
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COMMISSION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE, THE
JOINT STAFF
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Atomic Energy Intelligence

REFERENCE: (a) Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Atomic
Energy Intelligence 9 June 1950
(b) Meeting of the Intelligence Advisory
Committee on 16 June 1950

1. Based on the discussions in the meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee on 16 June 1950, there is enclosed a draft of the comments I should like to send to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council on Reference (a).

2. I should like to receive from you in a few days your concurrence with or dissent from these statements, so that I can inform the Executive Secretary, National Security Council, if the enclosure has the concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

3. If there should be substantive dissents, a meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee will be called at the end of this week.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NSC
SUBJECT: Atomic Energy Intelligence
REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum from Executive Secretary, NSC, to
DCI dated 8 February 1950.
(b) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Atomic
Energy Intelligence dated 9 June 1950,
transmitted to Executive Secretary, NSC,
13 June 1950.

The Intelligence Advisory Committee has considered the subject
report and submits the following comments on the Recommendations contained
therein:

1. An "overriding" priority cannot be assigned to the
collection of atomic energy information but this matter should
be assigned a very high priority in all of the collection agencies.

2. The [] Program should be continued, not cut down,

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4. Overt collection activities abroad, []

[] should be actively coordinated

and expanded.

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6. Overt operations are covered under Paragraph 4 above. The relationships between covert collection activities abroad, on the one hand, and Theatre Commanders and The Chief of Mission, on the other, need to be clarified and defined. There should be unified direction of all covert operations abroad.

7. Closer liaison is to be maintained between the technical analysts and the field collection activities.

8. The pertinent NSCIDs should be followed more strictly to effect coordination of intelligence activities. The frustration of committee procedure is deplored. It is better, however, to have an interlocking committee structure than separate committees. "Unanimous consent procedure" is not essential.

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Established procedures for obtaining decisions from higher authorities should be used when committees do not agree unanimously. The multiplicity of committees and boards and adherence to the prescribed unanimity rule tend to neutralize the effectiveness of Communications Intelligence.

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